

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-17 are pending in the application. The Examiner indicated that claims 6, 8-11 and 17 were allowed, and claims 14-16 were objected to based on confusing terminology, but were otherwise allowable.

- 5 Claims 1-5, 12, and 13 were rejected based on various combinations of Anderson, Hayakawa, Katayanagi, and Yamada.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include limitations directed to first and second switches and an amplifier. Support for these added features can be found in the fourth and fifth paragraph on page 3 of the application, and in the 10 first paragraph on page 4 of the application.

- Based on this amendment to claim 1, Applicant respectfully contents that the newly claimed combination of features cannot be found in any combination of the Anderson, Hayakawa, Katayanagi, and Yamada references, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn. Claims 2-5 are further allowable based 15 on their dependency from claim 1.

Claim 12 has been amended to depend from amended claim 1 and is also therefore allowable, as is claim 13, which depends from claim 12.

- Applicant has amended claim 14 to eliminate the language found confusing by the Examiner. In the event that this language remains confusing, 20 the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative. Similarly, claim 16 has been amended to remove language indicated as confusing.

Claims 18 and 19 have been added for consideration by the Examiner.

With these Amendments, Applicant asserts that the amended claim language clearly distinguishes over the prior art and all claims now include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the §103(a) rejections from the present
5 application.

CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as each of the objections have been overcome by the amendments, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered,
10 the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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